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DIDSBURY



Duo face multiple charges following rampage

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

A Calgary duo faces 14 criminal charges after a two-day armed rampage through Mountain View and Rocky View counties that ended with their arrest in Calgary on July 27

Two stolen vehicles, a break-in and a home invasion drew in the combined resources of the RCMP detachments at Didsbury, Airdrie and Cochrane, the Calgary Police Service, the RCMP Serious Crimes Branch South, the General Investigation Section and the Forensic Identification Section.

William Riley Gossen, 20, and Michaila Mitchell, 18, were arrested and charged after the lengthy pursuit of a stolen truck often at high speeds that started in Rocky View and ended at an apartment

house in southwest Calgary Based on matching descriptions from multiple incidents over 48 hours, Airdrie RCMP linked the arrested couple to the alleged offences. Gossen is

also suspected in a gasoline theft earlier in July.
"Gossen and Mitchell are well known to the police," an RCMP officer said.

The alleged crime rampage began in Cochrane with theft of a vehicle and a break-in. This was followed by a vehicle theft in Airdrie. Police investigators also suspect Gossen and Mitchell of another alleged armed home invasion in Mountain View County and the theft of a red

Hummer. The couple is alleged to have returned to Airdrie for a carjacking that touched off the pursuit, according to RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Laurel Scott of the Airdrie detachment.

The HAWCS police helicopter joined the chase then the pursuit entered Calgary. Gossen and Mitchell were arrested without further incident at an apartment building in the 2000 block of 11 Avenue S.W. in the Beltline district of Calgary

Gossen and Mitchell are charged with illegal possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, pointing a firearm, robbery with a firearm, using a firearm in the commission of an offence, uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, theft of a dangerous operation of a vehicle, flight from police, break and enter into a house to commit robbery, theft under \$5,000 and posse erty obtained by crime



FOG OF WAR - The phrase 'fog of war' came from smoke made by the repeated artillery fire of cannons demonstrated by Royal Artillery Battalion Cannoneers gunners, from left, Cory James and Tyson Colleton at the Days of Yore July 30 and 31 in Didsbury's Rosebud Park.

Never give money to Internet stranger

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

Criminals armed only with a telephone and the Internet have defrauded one Didsbury senior of \$3,000 and attempted to swindle two other more-skeptical citizens. The incidents all took place within

the past two weeks.

RCMP Cpl. Resus Organ advised that people never give money to a stranger who contacts them by phone or wants money sent over the Internet.

You are at serious risk of losing vour money, Organ said.

This includes people posing as

Revenue Canada employees deception that continues to be tried and sometimes works in spite of earlier police warnings

A senior gave a fraudster \$3,000 in iTune credits after he claimed he was a Revenue Canada employee and her 80-year-old mother faced arrest and imprisonment if she didn't pay up on her behalf.

"She even called him back and he answered 'Revenue Canada' and gave her a phoney ID number. She was trying to be cautious," said Cpl.

What could have alerted her to fraud was that the con artist asked for payment in iTune credits from \$3,000 worth of iTune cards with a number on the back revealed when the covering is scratched off.

"What merchant would sell an elderly customer \$3,000 worth of iTune cards without helpfully asking her why does she want to buy so many iTunes?" Organ said. On July 29 and July 30, two

alert citizens rebuffed attempts by a fraudster to have them send a deposit for loans on easy terms.

In each case, the intended victims could get a favourable loan if they sent \$9,000 by email to the fake company

They declined and called police.

PREPARING TO OPEN - John Daly, left, with wife Shelly and son Ethan are preparing for a mid-August opening of the first business in the new shoppping mall at 2103 20th St. Westbound Outdoors in Unit #4 will be a sports and outdoor store offering skate sharpening services, equipment and supplies. Shelly will run the store as John commutes to Calgary where he manages a trucking business. John and Shelly have operated a sporting goods store in Rocky Mountain House for several years. They are doing the prep work on the interior of the store and finalizing matters such as signage, which was approved July 27 by the Municipal Planning Commission.





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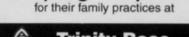
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Didsbury Centex manager Arvid Sharma, second from right, assisted by Go Market clerks Madisyn Dupasquier and Bonnie Broughton present a \$440 cheque to Essentials for our Community president Sheree Andrews, left. The money is the proceeds of slushie and fountain drink sales July 23. Centex conducted the fundraiser to assist Essentials in its mission of care for Didsbury families in need in partnership with local businesses

Police briefs

Petty thefts during vehicle and home break-ins continue to plague Didsbury residents, RCMP Cpl. Resus Organ said at the weekly media briefing Aug. 4.

Thieves broke into a rental suite on 23rd Street twice in two nights, July 30 and Aug. 1, after the woman who occupies the suite was arrested by police and detained in Saskatchewan.

Windows were smashed on both occasions, but police have not been able to determine if anything

A break-in at Fountain Tire on 20th Street resulted in the theft of \$150 worth of used tires, Cpl. Organ said.

"There are no witnesses and no suspects," he said.

On July 28 thieves plundered the unlocked garage of a Southridge

cars and took tools, a black briefcase, \$350 and a pair of sun-

Between July 22 and July 30, someone made off with a bench from the garden of a home on West Hills Crescent.

At the Didsbury Memorial Complex swimming pool July 27, a thief broke into a locker and stole a ring and cash.

On July 28 someone stole a silver 21-speed bicycle from an unlocked garage on 21st Avenue. In a similar incident on July 21, someone stole two black hybrid bikes valued at \$3,600 from a home on 18th Avenue.

On July 28 someone vandal-ized a truck on 20th Avenue in Didsbury, pulled out its dashboard

and removed and stole the stereo.

A break and enter to a shed at a home on 21st Street in Didsbury

occurred sometime between June 26 and 30 and was reported July 26. Power tools and chainsaws were among the items stolen. Some of the property turned up on the Didsbury Buy and Sell Facebook page. An 18-year-old Didsbury man was subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property under \$5,000 and will appear in court to face charges Sept. 26.

Two generators were taken in thefts from vehicles on 23rd Street overnight on July 24 and one from a truck on 18th Street sometime between July 20 and 25.

Cameron Harper, 22, of Rocky Mountain House will appear in court Sept. 26 to face a charge of impaired driving and blowing over the limit after a man was arrested shortly after midnight July 27 on Highway 22 and Rge. Rd. 582.



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A planned shutdown will occur at the Aquatic Centre beginning August 12, 2016. During this time, the final phase of the Aquatic Centre upgrades will occur, seeing the interior steel beam ceiling surface sandblasted, repaired and re-coated. We apologize in advance for this disruption of service but are excited to complete this three-year project, ensuring the pool remains a viable facility in Didsbury for many years to come. For further information, please call 335.7369.

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Dragons Own Medieval Combat members, from left, Dean Goffinet, Kristen Thomas and Jason Carmody torical notes with Royal Artillery Cannoneer gunner Cory James at the tent village set up in Rosebud Park for Days of

Days of Yore a hit with history buffs

Two days of re-enactments. demonstrations and crafts

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

When 300 history fans, complete with their imaginations, were at the gate of the first Days of Yore before it opened July 30, organizers knew that they had a hit and this would be a "first annual."

The re-enactors set up camp on the evening of July 29 and established a city-gates fair atmosphere, then moved their vehicles away from the area and let it become a time machine to the past.

On Saturday morning, vendors, a Viking village, a row of military tents housing warriors from the 1300s to the 20th century, a pavilion for the Victorian Society and a one-acre open space for battles dotted the Rosebud Creek valley for two days

The weekend kicked off with an informal March of the Ages along 20th Street on Saturday morning

The centrepiece of the Days of Yore was historical re-enactments by war-

a broader historical range of re-enac-tors including the historic North West Mounted Police from Alberta's past

craftspeople.

When the gates opened, seven reenactment groups had set up in Rosebud

Heavy rain on the Saturday evening did not deter campfire parties for the 60 re-enactors who slept under canvas.

tumes and weapons.
An estimated 1,000 spectators and participants took in the event over two days and in the final hours were talking excitedly about next year, hoping it would include such additions as jousting and

"This thing gained momentum," said organizer Kathleen Windsor.

When Mountain View Arts Society first conceived of Days of Yore as a spinoff from the four-year success of the arts festival in September, the only commitment they had was from the Sons of Fenrir Viking re-enactors and

These included the Vikings, the 78th Fraser Highlanders, the Cannoneers of the Royal Artillery Battalion, the Dragons Own Medieval Combat group, the First Special Services Force his-tory group, the Yankee Valley Yankees American Civil War re-enactors, and the Victorian Society of Alberta.



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▼ 78th Highlander officer John Hurdman, right, teaches his wife Caroline Hurdman how to handle, load and fire a musket to protect herself on the North American frontier while fellow officer Thomas Farquarson watches the



nk Dabi Viking warrior Hollvard (Taylor Kaltutski) repairs metal at a smithy while his Irish slave, Connor Johnson, keeps the coals red hot by operating his billows at the Viking village during Days of Yore.

assion for history motivates weekend bombardier

MVP Staff

For a living, Ryan Jones teaches the craft of upholstering at Bow Valley College in Calgary and to inmates in the Alberta correctional services

What animates his life is donning the three-layer blue wool uniform of a Royal Artillery Battalion bombardier on we ends and re-enacting the battles of the Seven Years War period in European and North American history (1756 to 1763).

"I have a passion for history," Jones said in an interview July 31 at Days of Yore in Didsbury.

He is a bombardier, the low-ranking officer who directs the artillery can-nons and at Days of Yore, he and gunners Cory James and Tyson Colleton demonstrated the repeated firing of a 3-pound gun on a gun carriage that Jones made after carefully studying historical images and plans.

The Royal Artillery was on the Plains of Abraham at the Battle of Quebec and the victory that determined North America would be part of the British Empire, not the French...

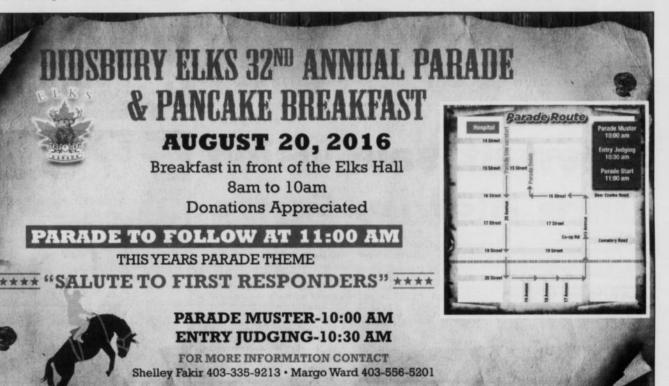
"It was the birth of our nation," said Jones, explaining why he is drawn to the history of the Royal Artillery Battalion..

battle that was won in a day, he said.
"One side fell back and one side took

the field." Jones is fascinated by the idea of men standing on a battlefield facing each other and doing battle without

They were willing to stand in straight lines and be fired on.. They had honour, he said to explain their courage.

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Marquee period costumes created the mood for the Medieval Yuletide sidewalk sale along 20th Avenue July 30. From left, lady in waiting Caroline Friendship, monk Derek Alcorn, Haggar the Horrible a.k.a. Dennis Van Dyke, Gandolf the White a.k.a. Dennis Leach and Knight Templar Hope DeWitt.

Sidewalk sale vision comes to life

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

When Jim Woods grabbed the open mike at the jam session in the medieval alleyway on July 30 and crooned the House of the Rising Sun, accompanied by Shirley Hunt on guitar and Dave Leach on bongos, Didsbury's Medieval Yuletide had arrived to stay.

had arrived to stay.

On July 6, Carla Stewart, who runs the garden centre at Home Hardware, had the idea of a medieval sidewalk sale along 20th Street as a downtown draw to the crowd attending Days of Yore in Rosebud Park

Shops could decorate on a medieval theme and employees could dress up.

The idea snowballed.

Ulla-la Boutique, Mugs Coffee House, Value Drug Mart, Fas Gas and Unique Stained Glass joined up on the first day.

"From July 6 to July 30, from vision to reality," said Hope DeWitt who dressed as a Knight Templar for the event and spent a few days making period costumes for her colleagues.

When the morning of July 30 arrived, the street was abuzz.

Kamran Saeed at Fas Gas used the medieval theme as a piece of window art and Patricia Weatherby opened Weatherby's Wreathes for the day.

Tara Stewart accelerated her plans to open In Bloom Flowers and Gifts and her medieval-style women's floral headbands dotted Main Street.

There were sidewalk booths at several merchants including the drugstores and fashion wear shops. Mugs Coffee House served

Mugs Coffee House served Berserkers, a drink billed as Viking Fuel.

The garden centre was transformed into a medieval alley with arts vendors, Yule bargains and a rune reader.

Browsers may have outnumbered shoppers given the slow economy,

but sales were brisk.

The sidewalks were crowded with people visiting each other, eating ice cream cones, and admiring the costumes that some were wearing. Ulla-la Boutique provided sidewalk seating in the shade, and that attracted many.

that attracted many.

At the north end of the festival street, volunteer gardeners planted flowers at the Pop-Up Park.

As the day wound down, the open mike at the medieval alley drew performers and a laid-back audience to celebrate the day.

"I'd like to thank all the people who pulled this off. What they did in a short time was amazing. Such cooperation and coordination!" said Carla Stewart.

"We'll be back next year. More planning time will give us a bigger event," Stewart said.

"The town will have the opportunity to give us more support.

"We are already talking about a Renaissance theme. We'll see," she said.

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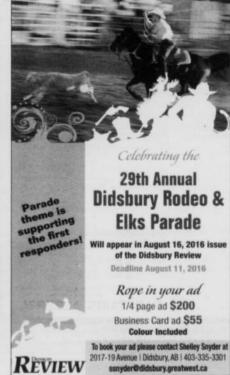
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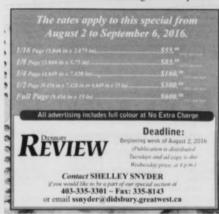
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Commentary

A weekend to remember

Days of Yore and Medieval Yuletide on the midsummer holiday weekend broke a rule that major summer events shouldn't be held when so many are away on vacation.

Broke the rule and achieved success

Perhaps the bad economy is keeping people at home this year - the new social media term is a "staycation" but Rosebud Park and the downtown were crowded on July 30 with upwards of 1,500 people in total



FRANK **DABBS**

On that Saturday morning downtown started with the March of the Ages, an informal parade of re-enac-tors staging Days of Yore at Rosebud Park.

Then the medieval floral headbands and costumes of the Yuletide in July sidewalk sale came out along 20th Street.

At the north end of the street, a small group of vol-unteers planted flower boxes at the Pop-up Park; they were not part of either major event, but enhanced the holiday atmosphere particularly for

shoppers at AG Foods.

The weekend festivities extended into Sunday, July 31 when between 300 and 500 spectators and participants attended the second day of Days of Yore.

Days of Yore, the Medieval Yuletide sidewalk sale and the Pop-up Park were all first-time events. All will return, with some fine-tuning, next year.

The sidewalk sale came from vision to reality in 24

The three events depended on volunteers and

Didsbury produces fine volunteers.

Tourists and visitors more than made up in numbers

for the Didsburians away on holiday

The laid-back sociability along 20th Avenue during the sidewalk sale, greatly helped by the warmth of the sun, met organizers' wishes for an event that placed as much emphasis on people having a good time as the opportunity for sales.

The rain on Saturday night did not discourage the 60 or so re-enactors who slept under canvas at the park and shared campfires.

The Sunday afternoon attendance at Days of Yore encouraged the vendors, the history nerds, the merely curious spectators and the re-enactors in the tent vil-lage that this was time well spent.

In fact there wasn't a better way in the county to spend the Heritage Day long weekend. Editorially speaking, the only question left at the end

of the weekend was what about Monday?

Didsbury is very good at summer festivals and events, starting with the car club's Show 'N Shine and ending with the ag society's fair and rodeo.

We are the best at these in Mountain View County,

the best in Central Alberta.

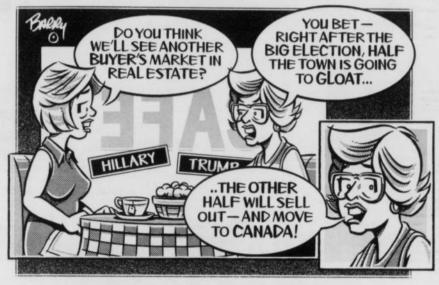
The chamber of commerce and the town need to devote thought to the economic opportunities that the summer festival business presents

Question 1: Are they wanted at the party? People probably don't expect more from them. However, it is Marketing 101 to surprise your customers/stakeholders

Question 2: What more can they do for existing events?

Question 3: Can we fill other summer weekends with other events?

Opinion



Letters

Thank you to the Didsbury Review

I want to express appreciation for the commentary in the June 28 issue of the Didsbury Review headlined 'Who shapes the town?"

Thank you for your forthright statements about the challenges in our town - but especially remembering the positive influences that are happening every day

through the churches, schools, RCMP, library and museum. All of your list of community shapers was well put. Thank you for bringing out the many aspects of our town that are encouraging

Judy Amstutz Didsbury

An overwhelming kindness

Our sincere appreciation is extended to my friend and colleague (who requested their names not be mentioned) for donating money to the Didsbury hos-pital to buy a vein reader machine that will help the medical team find veins quicker. It was their practical response to a real need that has touched our hearts so deeply. Rural emergency wards are not often equipped with this type of time-saving device

When my friend heard about my wife's medical emergency in April and another emergency situation, they offered to pay for the vein reader that could have saved the doctors and nurses valuable time in their treatment. In May, Dr. Jackson requested administration to purchase this machine and Rosebud Health Foundation approved it. It arrived July 28. Many more every month will now benefit from this one huge, overwhelming kindness to our community from two kind and generous people

This will only help expedite the skilled and caring support provided by our emergency personnel such as that provided to Neva by the nursing staff, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Brunner and STARS' medical team on April 9. Thank you.

Norm and Neva Quantz and family

Open letter to Rachel Notley and Brian Jean

Both your parties appear to be in a locked-horn position, one that threatens to severely diminish our province well before the next election. The impact of your economic policies affects people in more ways than is evident. Alberta urgently needs real movement in all components of the government's understanding of the impacts of your economic policy decisions

Today I gave vegetables from our garden to a local family of four who have been unemployed for a year. The stress has taken its toll on their marriage, and they are separated. They cannot make their mortgage payments on their beautiful little home, which will be foreclosed by the bank. This evening, we host a woman who has thrown the towel on her marriage after a year of financial stress and unemployment

I have two family members in default on their pay ments because of the economic strain on their small businesses. Their client base is reduced and is not paying what is due. The stress on their families is

Over the past 14 months, my own contract sources have dried up and we are currently spending our

home equity to keep affoat.

We are surrounded by damages everywhere we look, and the prognosis looks to be worse ahead. The impacts on personal and corporate credit ratings have already begun to create a widespread legacy of damage that will endure for years to come.

Albertans didn't vote to become collateral damage

for noble but unproven ideas about climate manage ment, social engineering and experimentation.

Those groups who have global management aspira-

tions need to speak for themselves. You were not elected to be their agents, but have a mandate to represent the people and the province of Alberta. We need you to place our families and our jobs at a higher priority than the global think-tanks do. They simply do not have our interests in mind.

Thank you for your attention. I pray for you and all our parliamentarians to receive the courage and wisdom needed to conquer these epic challenges that we face in Alberta and Canada.

Fred Van Vliet Didsbury

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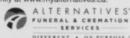
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GWILLIAM Jack Leslie

Ontario. He passed away peacefully at the Bethany Care Centre in Didsbury, AB on Monday, August 01, 2016 at the age of 83 years. Jack loved to tinker and help others. Jack will be deeply missed by his

daughter, Pam; son-in-law, Dennis; brother, Don; and grandchildren, Kyle & Sam. If so desired, donations may be made in Jack's memory to the Lung Association – AB & NWT, 208 – 17420 Stony Plain Road NW, Edmonton, AB. T5S 1K6. Messages of condolence may be left fo the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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you that Gramma always had after school treats ready and cheered at endless minor hockey games. She knit sweaters for them and played in forts built in the living room. Her children will tell you that she was always willing to lend an ear and was never quick to judge. She was a friend of all living things....be they plants, animals or people. Although Nanna did not have a large circle of close friends, the ones she had were very dear to her. Anyone that ever had the pleasure of knowing her, would agree that she had a most kind and gentle soul.

Nanna lived the last two years of her life at the Didsbury Bethany Care Centre, where she was lovingly cared for by staff and friends. We are forever grateful for their kindness - particularly during the last days of her life. We would also like to sincerely thank the staff of Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services, who have, once again, helped us through a difficult time speak, it could not rob her of her compassionate speak, it could not not not not not compassionate nature. She will be lovingly remembered and terribly missed - Kim, Mike, Jytte and family. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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